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1. Three concentration camps are located in Heilungchiang: the largest in Tetu (126-11, 48-31), with over 15,000 convicts; the next largest at Sunwu (127-25, 49-30), with over 8,000 inmates; and one at Hsunhochen (127-29, 49-26), with 4,000. All of these convicts were imported from China, south of the Great Wall, and most were former Nationalist army officers, public functionaries or their relatives, unemployed persons or common criminals.
2. The Northeastern Lumber Company has been operating the lumber-producing areas of Heilungchiang since their nationalization. The company has used convict labor from provincial concentration camps to increase production and cut costs.
3. The convicts of the Hsunhochen concentration camp are felling trees in the mountainous areas of P'ulat'un (5543/2139/1470). Because of the hard labor and poor nutrition the death rate has been very high, but since new convicts are imported each month from Tetu the number engaged in this work has remained constant at about 4,000.

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